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MEMORANDUM FOR: Chief,

FROM : AD/SI

SUBJECT : JMSIC Minutes.

1. I note from recent copies of your minutes that you are keeping rather detailed records of your meetings. While there is no objection to this procedure, it undoubtedly consumes an appreciable amount of time which might better be spent otherwise. The keeping of minutes is of course at the discretion of the committee with the option of dispensing entirely with these records if the committee so desires. The only requirement from the SIC standpoint is that each action item be recorded in some memorandum form where commitments or policy matters are involved. It is suggested that you review with your committee the need for lengthy records of meetings and with their cooperation devise some procedure for minimizing the time spent in this activity.

2. With respect to the draft minutes (JMSIC 3/25) item II: I know of no existing regulations and machinery which makes the procedure of coordinating RDB 123/2 requirements in the JMSIC unfeasible.

a. It was the intention of the Director in his response to the Chairman, RDB, that CIA be the focal point for insuring that RDB requirements for intelligence are satisfied. It would seem that the JMSIC is a convenient mechanism whereby the requirements of RDB for medical intelligence can be analyzed, the various departments can report those items which they have available which will satisfy at least in part these requirements, and where plans can be made for filling the gaps in production necessary to meet, in so far as practicable, the RDB requirements.

b. The actual transmittal of the information produced need not necessarily be through CIA, but it is your responsibility for advising RDB as to the place where they may request the reports needed.

3. It is suggested that you consult with the Assistant for Production on the most efficient method of carrying out your responsibility for insuring the best possible support to RDB with respect to medical intelligence. If the JMSIC mechanism can not be used another mechanism must be devised. In any event it is your responsibility to insure the best possible information to RDB.

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4. Paragraph II, last paragraph. The suggestion of the Air Force member for one file usable for briefings, national intelligence surveys, estimates, and requirements appears to be a good one. I would suggest that you pursue this idea with the purpose in mind of establishing this as a responsibility of the Secretary, JNSC, or in any event as a responsibility of your division.

5. Paragraph III. I would suggest that with respect to your semi-annual estimate you question the Army, Navy, and Air Force members as to those sections of the report which they feel they can contribute to without regard to whether or not this is within their authority. If they feel they do not have the authority to commit their departments, please advise me in order that I may arrange for their contributions at the appropriate level.

6. The comments submitted above are made with full appreciation of the current difficulties in achieving a complete atmosphere of cooperation and coordination in our working committees. I feel that this can be accomplished by avoiding policy issues at the working committee level and using the committees to advise you and assist you in as far as practicable. Where a policy matter arises, I request that you refer the matter to me as soon as practicable in order that I may resolve it at the appropriate level.

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